

**WEST DES MOINES BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Bicycle Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 9, 2019, at 5:34 p.m. by Vice Chair France.

<b>Commission</b>	Tom Suckow <i>Secretary</i>	Nick Welter	Brittany Freund	Kip Albertson	Helen Eddy <i>Chair</i>
<b>Present</b>	X		X	X	X arrived at 5:38
<b>Commission</b>	Greg France <i>Vice Chair</i>	Margaret Christiansen	Cole Prevost	Mindy Moore	
<b>Present</b>	X	X	X	X	

<b>Staff</b>	Sally Ortgies <i>Director of Parks &amp; Recreation</i>	David Sadler <i>Superintendent of Parks</i>	Ryan Penning <i>Superintendent of Recreation</i>	Miranda Kurtt <i>Parks &amp; Recreation Secretary</i>
<b>Present</b>	X	X		X
<b>Staff</b>	Joe Cory <i>Deputy Director of Public Services</i>	Marco Alvarez <i>Park Planner</i>	Eric Petersen <i>Traffic Engineer</i>	Jason Bryan <i>Police Sergeant</i>
<b>Present</b>	X		X	X

<b>Council</b>	John Mickelson <i>City Council Liaison</i>			
<b>Present</b>				

**On Item 1. Approval of Agenda**

Christiansen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Freund seconded. Motion carried, 7 yes.

**On Item 2. Citizen Forum**

No report.

**On Item 3. Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2018, Meeting**

Suckow moved to approve the minutes as presented. Freund seconded. Motion carried, 7 yes.

**Old Business**

**On Item 4. Five Waters Project Update – Raccoon River Pedestrian Bridges**

Sadler provided an update on the Five Waters Project. Two of the five projects, the Boathouse and the Amphitheater are progressing at a favorable rate. Sadler focused on providing an update on the Raccoon River Pedestrian Bridges and Great Western Trail Connection as it pertains to trails and cycling. Currently, there is limited pedestrian access over Raccoon River. The first bridge would connect Raccoon River Park to Walnut Woods State Park, and a second bridge would connect a future trail to Purple Martin Lake. The estimated cost of the Raccoon River Park Bridge is \$4-5 million. As part of the bridge study, alternate routes to connect to the Great Western Trail are being studied. The second bridge would be located on the east side of I-35 and would be very visible from the interstate. This pedestrian bridge has an approximate cost of \$6-8 million. Moore questioned the width of the bridge. Ortgies stated ideally it would be 14 foot. Moore questioned if there would be pullout areas on the bridge for those wanting to stop along the way. Ortgies agreed that this would be a good idea. Moore asked if any access to the river was being planned as part of the bridge projects. Sadler stated a portage is being proposed between Blue Heron Lake and the Raccoon River. Christiansen questioned how the projects will be funded. Ortgies stated that the funding could be different on each project and would include a

combination of private donations, proceeds for the local option service and sales tax, grants, bond funds, etc.

#### **New Business**

No report.

#### **On Item 6A. Report – Education and Encouragement Committee**

Ortgies stated the Committee is scheduled to meet on April 5. The meeting will include the start of goal setting to prepare for budgeting in October. The Mayor's Bike Ride is May 18.

#### **On Item 6B. Report – Enforcement and Evaluation Committee**

Ortgies stated the Committee is scheduled to meet on March 20. The meeting will include the start of goal setting to prepare for budgeting in October.

#### **On Item 6C. Report – Engineering Committee**

Ortgies stated the Committee is scheduled to meet on April 3. The meeting will include the start of goal setting to prepare for budgeting in October.

#### **Staff Reports:**

##### **On Item 7A. Engineering**

Petersen stated the Engineering department is reviewing construction plans. South 88<sup>th</sup> Street and Mills Civic Parkway will be moved to go around Huston Cemetery. The cemetery will be in the southwest corner of the intersection instead of in the middle of the road. A small parking lot will be constructed near the cemetery for cemetery visitors and access to trails. A trail will be constructed along Mills Civic Parkway out to South 91<sup>st</sup> Street. The trail on South 88<sup>th</sup> Street will continue to Cascade Avenue. The next phase of the trail along Ashworth Road west of I-80 is scheduled for this year. Road construction on Grand Avenue from Jordan Creek Parkway out to South 88<sup>th</sup> Street near Microsoft will begin this year.

##### **On Item 7B. Public Services**

No report.

##### **On Item 7C. Police**

Bryan stated the department is reinstating the Police Department's bike patrol program.

##### **On Item 7D. Parks and Recreation**

Ortgies stated that the LOSST vote passed. Ortgies asked the Commission to review the Metro Bike Map and stated the City of West Des Moines does not treat the map as an official map because it does not show all of our trails and on-street bike facilities. Corey stated that this is just an overview of the metro area. Ortgies asked for feedback from the Commission. Suckow asked if the B-cycle Stations were planned to be on the map, and if so, the one at Raccoon River Park should be added. Christiansen stated that the bike repair station at 50<sup>th</sup> and Jordan Creek should be added. Ortgies stated Parks and Recreation's recommendations will not be given to the Bike Collective until next week so the Commission could contact her with any further comments.

Suckow questioned if the proposal for the B-cycle Station had been approved in the budget. Ortgies stated that unfortunately it did not get funded.

#### **On Item 8. Other Matters: Recognition of Outgoing Commission Members-Kip Albertson & Margaret Christiansen**

Ortgies thanked Albertson and Christiansen for all their years of service to the Commission.

**On Item 9A. Receive, File and/or Refer:**

- A. Des Moines Area MPO, Central Iowa Bicycle – Pedestrian Roundtable Packet – October

**On Item 9B. City Council Communications**

January 21, 2019: First reading of proposed Ordinance to amend Title 2, Chapter 12, Section 2 of the Municipal code to decrease the City's Bicycle Advisory Commission from nine (9) to seven (7) member.

Christiansen moved to adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Albertson seconded. Motion carried, 8 yes.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Miranda Kurtt  
Secretary

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ATTEST:

  
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Tom Suckow  
Commission Secretary

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